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1. Following are items for VEB Carl Zeiss, Jena, production which are in short supply and which cause production bottlenecks:

   Copper metal
   Aluminum of sufficient purity
   Thin sheet iron
   Wire rope for cranes
   Polishing red
   Oils and greases for optical lacquers
   Quality wood for casings
   High quality glass

2. The supply of copper from the Mansfeld works is not sufficient since most of the copper produced there goes to Russia as cables and wire. The works needs pure aluminum as an ingredient for hydronalium, an aluminum alloy with about seven percent of magnesium. The alloy is used for the casings of photo-objectives and for similar purposes replacing brass which was formerly used but which is too heavy. Elektro-Chemisches Kombinat, Bitterfeld has provided aluminum, but in insufficient quantities. During the last years, the works has obtained some aluminum from Switzerland.

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